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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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AMEMBASSY LAGOS PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC (LIGHT, DAVID), OTRA (MOHAMED SIAD BARRE), SO

SUBJECT: LIGHT CASE: WHEREABOUTS OF SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD

REFERENCE: STATE 246621 (NOTAL)

1. I QUERIED CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (OSMAN) ABOUT WHEREABOUTS PRESIDENT SIAD, SAYING WASHINGTON DESIRED INFORMATION ON URGENT BASIS AS SOMALI EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING DELIVERY OF URGENT MESSAGE TO SIAD RE DETENTION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN DAVID LIGHT IN SOMALIA. OSMAN SAID MOFA FOLLOWING SIAD'S ITINERARY FROM PRESS REPORTS AND THEY DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHERE HE WAS GOING AFTER CONAKRY. NEITHER DOES MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. OSMAN SAID SOMALI EMBASSY IN DAKAR OR LAGOS SHOULD HAVE THE DESIRED INFORMATION AND SUGGESTED THEY BE QUERIED.

2. I TOLD OSMAN THAT THEIR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN CALLED IN TO DEPARTMENT A SECOND TIME ON THIS CASE AND THAT I WOULD LIKE APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS IT YET AGAIN WITH ACTING FONSEC. HE PROMISED TO SEEK  
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EARLY APPOINTMENT.

3. OSMAN CALLED BACK TO SAY MOFA WOULD BE GLAD TO PASS MESSAGE TO SIAD FOR US. I HAVE MY DOUBTS ABOUT EFFICACY AND EFFICIENCY OF THIS CHANNEL (PARTICULARLY IF THEY DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHERE SIAD IS), BUT SOMALI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON MIGHT SEND HIS MESSAGE TO MOGADISCIO AS WELL AS WEST AFRICA.

4. SIAD WILL, OF COURSE, PRESUMABLY BE IN NEW YORK BY NOVEMBER 13. HE COULD BE APPROACHED THERE IF IT PROVES IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMALI EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT TO REACH HIM BEFORE THEN.  
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